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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Citizens of Stoneham:

April 20, Miss Mildred Howell, Assistant Librarian, resigned her position to take effect May 20th, after a long term of service. Her resignation was accepted by the Trustees with regret.

On the same date, Mrs. Margaret W. Emerson resigned as one of the Public Library Trustees because of her duties as Children's Librarian. This was a loss to the trustees because of her library training and knowledge of Stoneham's library problems.

June 18, at a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Public Library Trustees, Mrs. Charlena T. Lamson was elected a Public Library Trustee until the Annual Town Meeting in March, 1930, succeeding Mrs. Emerson, resigned, on our board.

On the death of Miss Annie H. Brown, September 19, 1929, the most notable bequest in the history of the town was made by her will to the Stoneham Public Library—$10,000 for the purchase of books, and $100,000 for extension building purposes. Her generosity should be appreciated by all patrons of the library and booklovers.

The efficient work of the librarian and her assistants has kept our library in the fore-front with other communities in this section of Greater Boston.

Details of the Library's activities may be found in the librarian's report.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. CHASE
GEORGE A. HINCHCLIFFE
GEORGE A. PACKARD
HERBERT H. RICHARDSON
CORA E. DIKE
CHARLENA T. LAMSON
Trustees of the Public Library

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Stoneham Public Library:

I submit the Librarian's report for the year ending December 31, 1929.

The past year has been a busy year in the Public Library. There have been 529 new registrations making a total registration of 3,161. This registration covers a period of a little more than three years.

MAGAZINES

List of Magazines Received at the Public Library.
These Magazines may be issued for Home Use:

American Boy	Ladies' Home Journal
American City	Library Journal

American Girl
American Magazine
American Printer
Antiques
Atlantic Monthly
Bookman
Boys' Life
Business Week
Century
Child Life
*Christian Register
*Christian Science Journal
*Christian Science Sentinel
Delineator
Etude
Field and Stream
Good Housekeeping
Harper's Magazine
House Beautiful
House and Garden
Illustrated London News
*Gift
Literary Digest
Motor
National Geographic Magazine
National Grange Magazine
*Nature
New Republic
North American Review
Open Road
Outlook
Popular Mechanics
Pictorial Review
Popular Science
St. Nicholas
*Saturday Evening Post
*Saturday Review of Literature
Scientific American
Scientific Monthly
Scribner's Magazine
Survey
Woman's Home Companion
World's Work
*Youth's Companion

BOOK WEEK

"Book Week", November seventeenth to twenty-third, was observed this year in the Public Library by a display of children's new books, and a story hour was held on Saturday morning of that week for children in the lower grades. The appreciation of the story telling was shown by a large attendance. If the Public Library had more room, the story telling could be held oftener. Stories have been told for the past two years by Stoneham High School students, who kindly gave their services.

CERTIFICATE READING

In co-operation with the schools, the reading for the State Certificates was begun in October. Thus far there have been a number of certificates won. The time for reading for these certificates will be continued until the close of the school year in June, 1930.

GIFTS TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Besides books and pamphlet material received from the Commonwealth and various organizations and commercial houses, gifts of books, magazines, pictures and flowers have been received from the following persons: Ray Barnes, Cora Dike, Margaret W. Emerson, Anna Hill,

Harry Hill, Theresa Hitchler, Frances Nickerson, Jessie A. Porter, Frances A. Saunders, L. A. Thulin, Edwin Whittemore, Stoneham Grange Society and Woman's Alliance of the Unitarian Church.

STAFF

Martha A. Jackson, Librarian; Mildred Howell, Assistant Librarian; Margaret W. Emerson, Children's Librarian; Helen Packard, Arline Parks and Marjorie Markham, High School Assistants.

Miss Mildred Howell resigned in May, and in November Miss Elizabeth Symonds was appointed Assistant Librarian.

STATISTICS

Total Circulation for 1929		53,457
Adult Fiction	27,057	
Adult Non-fiction	5,268	
Juvenile Fiction	17,415	
Juvenile Non-fiction	3,591	
Foreign Books	126	
Total	53,457	53,457

Total registration for 1929	3,161
New registration in 1929	529
Total volumes in library (estimated)	15,047
Volumes added by purchase	585
Volumes added by gift	72
Volumes added by binding	5
Average number of books circulated per day	177
Number of days library was open	302

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA A. JACKSON

Librarian

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES

	Debit	Credit
Appropriation		$6,750.00
Librarian	$1,500.00	
Assistants	1,884.37	
Janitor	520.81	
Books	1,185.48	
Periodicals	171.39	
Binding	234.33	
Stationery, Printing, etc.	123.07	

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES—Continued

Telephone	$55.30	
Repairs	27.13	
Furnishings, etc.	21.59	
Fuel	634.95	
Lighting	252.08	
Miscellaneous	84.67	
	$6,695.17	
Balance unexpended	54.83	
	$6,750.00	$6,750.00